

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2022

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

Interest Network:	Social and Sexual Relationships
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Annual Report For the year that just ended (July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2022), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We were successful in changing the name of the Interest Network from <i>Social and Sexual Concerns</i> to Social and Sexual <i>Relationships</i>. We are hoping that we can recruit more interest/more members by including those who conduct research and implement programs focusing on social skills development, healthy relationships, as well as intimate relationships and sexuality. We did not want to portray that our only interest was “concerning behavior” with respect to sexuality.2. We offered two scholarships to SECP members. Our goal was to support one young scholar. We were able to support two thanks to AAIDD support. One scholarship participant was sponsored for the In-Person Conference another for the On-Line Conference. Both scholarship winners were recognized at the Student and Early Career Professionals luncheon as well as in the Conference Program. They were also recognized at our business meeting at the in-person annual conference3. We met our goal to continue distributing the Facts of Life Newsletter to our IN members was achieved. This newsletter is courtesy of Leslie Walker-Hirsch. These quarterly newsletters were emailed to members in June 2021, September 2021 and November 2021. Unfortunately for our IN, Leslie Walker-Hirsch retired at the end of the year. The Facts of Life Newsletter is no longer being published.4. We accomplished our goal of having a Business Meeting at lunch rather than a breakfast meeting.5. We met our goal to have an AAIDD sponsored webinar. ON September 29th, we hosted a webinar titled “Supporting Adults with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities to Safely Engage in Online Social Relationships with Mary Jo Krile as our featured speaker.6. We only partially met our goal with respect to IN meetings during the year. We did have one Web Roundtable on February 8th about the ROAR Postsecondary program at Washington State University and the Sexuality Curricula they have been developing and using. Other than that, the only communication was emails, no synchronous meetings. 😞	
6. Our goal to increase membership was achieved. But not by much. In the Spring of 2021 we had	

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58 members, in 2022 we had 63 members. Our numbers have basically remained stable since 2019 with a low of 57 and a high of 63.

Membership Numbers

June 2022	63
March 2021	58
January 2021	57
January 2019	60

7. We planned to increase our social media presence. Last year at this time we had 43 members on our Facebook group. Unfortunately, all are not AAIDD members. We allowed them to join in hopes that they WOULD join AAIDD. On June 30, 2022 we had 49 members.

Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2022), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

1. We would like to continue to increase collaboration with AAIDD's other Interest Networks. We would like to co-host a webinar on Community Integration/Isolation with other Interest Networks. At the Assembly of All Interest Networks meeting at the annual conference, this possibility was discussed.
2. We would like to connect with our members. We are going to try a less formal approach. We will have two Web Roundtables. But we plan to have two meet-and-greet activities or Ask-A-Question-Answer-A-Question online event. This is one event per quarter.
3. We would like to support a young professional by providing a scholarship for the 2023 Annual Conference. We do need to increase our membership to have the money to do so. Therefore, within this Goal, we have an ongoing goal to increase membership and interest. One way to accomplish this is to collaborate with AUCD's Sexual Health Interest Network. Two of their active members were at our business meeting. We will try to connect with them to determine how many members of their Interest Network are also members of AAIDD. We will also ask if there is a way to promote our IN within their listserv or at their annual conference.
4. Again this year, we would like to increase activity on our Facebook page. Although we increased in members, most members are not active. At this point, only AAIDD members should be allowed to newly join. Increasing announcements and activities will be the goal. We will also reach out to our SECP Interest Network Members to seek help with social media presence. They may be able to assist with Instagram or Twitter or other networking sites.